

REMARKS

By this Second Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached replacement drawing sheets, FIGs. 1-9, 11 sheets). The replacement drawing sheets include previously omitted figures 2A-2C, 3B, 7A and 7B, which are not new matter because the figures were incorporated by reference as part of the disclosure of application number 09/892,879.

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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